<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO: Vermont Adult Performance Indicator Project Advisory Group

FROM: John Pandiani

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RE: DDMHS Funding of Consumer and Family Run Services

This is the sixth in our series of reports on access to adult mental health services in Vermont.

This week's report focuses on DDMHS Funding of Consumer and Family Run Services (MHSIP Report Card Access Indicator #6).

We look forward to your comments on the quality of the data, the appropriateness of the analysis, and the effectiveness of the presentation of these data, as well as your interpretation of the results.

Access to Mental Health Services Part VI

DDMHS Funding of Consumer and Family Run Services

Question: How much money does DDMHS invest in consumer and family run services? (This question is related to MHSIP Report Card Access Indicator 6.)

Data: Information on levels of funding of consumer and family run mental health services was obtained from the DDMHS Adult Mental Health Services Unit. Information on total DDMHS funding of community programs was obtained from electronic financial reports submitted to DDMHS by community providers.

Four consumer and family run programs are included in this analysis. Green Mountain Support Group provides direct services to severely mentally disabled adults, in the form of a drop-in center, pre-vocational work experience, and other support services; the program is entirely operated by consumers of mental health services. Vermont Psychiatric Survivors is a statewide consumer/ex-patient organization that develops local peer support groups and activities. The Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Vermont is an alliance of families in which a member is mentally ill. Counterpoint is a mental health consumer produced newspaper.

Analysis: DDMHS funding of four consumer organizations is presented in the attached graphs. The total funding for each organization during FY1995-97 and the source of funding for consumer run programs (state or federal) are presented.

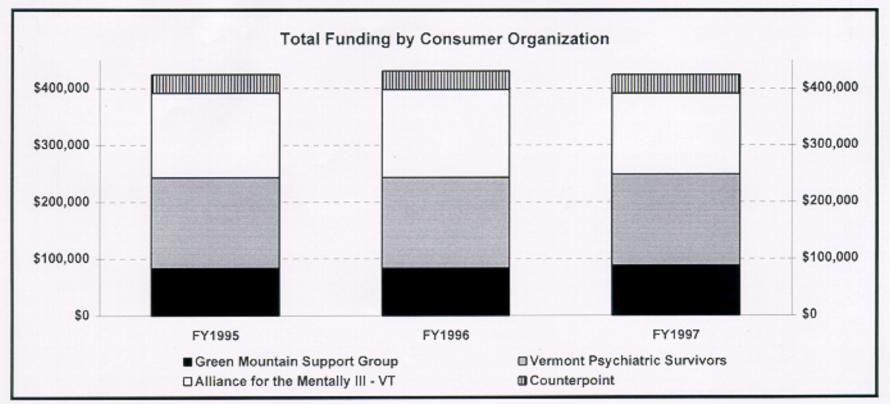
Results: DDMHS funding of consumer and family run services has been very consistent over the past three years. While the state share has increased, the federal contributions have dropped somewhat. Although federal funding of consumer and family run services declined from approximately \$169,000 in FY1995 to less than \$80,000 in FY1997, state funding increased from \$256,000 to \$344,000 from the same time period

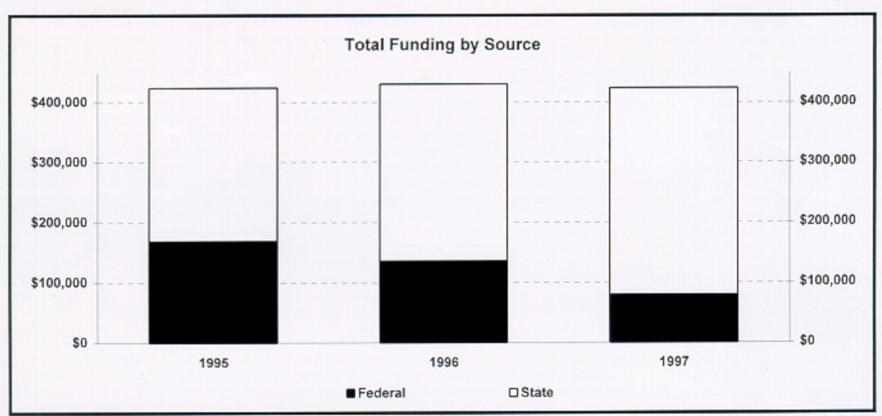
In FY1997, Vermont psychiatric services received the most DDMHS funding (\$160,000) followed by AMI-VT (\$143,000), Green Mountain Support Group (\$88,000), and Counterpoint (\$33,000).

The proportion of total funding of Vermont services that went to consumer and family run services was about 3.5% during each of these three years.

Next Questions: Will the level of funding of consumer and family run services change in the future? Do some regions of the state benefit from DDMHS funding of consumer run services more than other regions? How do the levels of funding of consumer and family run services in Vermont compare to other states?

Vermont Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services Funding of Consumer Organizations





	FY1995			FY1996			FY1997		
Fiscal Year	Federal	State	Total	Federal	State	Total	Federal	State	Total
Green Mountain Support Group	\$20,000	\$63,250	\$83,250	\$20,000	\$63,250	\$83,250	\$20,000	\$68,050	\$88,050
Vermont Psychiatric Survivors	\$78,524	\$81,342	\$159,866	\$58,093	\$101,773	\$159,866	\$29,850	\$130,413	\$160,263
Alliance for the Mentally III - VT	\$70,200	\$78,575	\$148,775	\$57,579	\$97,249	\$154,828	\$29,850	\$113,427	\$143,277
Counterpoint	\$0	\$32,900	\$32,900	. \$0	\$32,900	\$32,900	. \$0	\$32,900	\$32,900
Total	\$168,724	\$256,067	\$424,791	\$135,672	\$295,172	\$430,844	\$79,700	\$344,790	\$424,490
Funding of Community Programs as a % of all DDMHS Funding			3.4%			3.5%			3.5%